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## NEW YORK NEWS LETTER.

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On Monday, Citizen's Night was observed. Tuesday the Dedication Night, Dr. James Mooreland, International Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. delivered the dedication address. Invitations were extended to all out-of-town young men to visit the new Y. M. C. A. and to make it their home when they are passing through the Big City.

Brigadier General Dyer addressed the officers and men of the 15th Infantry last Monday evening. He urged them to bring up the enlistments to the required number so as to enable him to be successful in his coming appeal to the Armory Board for an armory for the Fighting Fifteenth.

Rose Carty, colored, 35, of 31 West 135th Street was painfully injured by being struck by an automobile last Sunday. The accident occurred at St. Nicholas Avenue and 135th Street. The car was owned by Mr. Joseph Eisenberg, of 568 Broadway.

Professor D. W. Edmonds of Howard University was in the city last week as the guest of the well known literary man, Mr. George W. Allen of 258 West 131st Street. The professor was here to gather information concerning the methods in teaching accountancy employed by Columbia and New York Universities.

The Salem Men's Bible Class is still having crowded sessions every Sunday afternoon. Dr. J. B. Coleman, president of the College of Liberia, Monrovia, Liberia, is instructing the men during his visit here and large numbers come out to hear him every Sunday that he holds forth.

The S. S. "Frederick Douglas" of the Black Star Line, instead of making the ocean trip that so many eagerly expected sailed to the drydocks across the river last week. She will be in the drydocks in Brooklyn until completely overhauled.

The Manhattan Athletic Association, colored, is staging its first basketball game at Manhattan Casino on November the 20th. The Assn. will meet the Dunbar P. C. C. Boys.

Last Thursday evening the 15th Infantry was out in full force to attend the Military Night exercises at the Y. M. C. A. Col. Wm. J. Schiefelin was the principal speaker.

Dr. J. W. Lee, field secretary of the Freedman's Bureau, was a visitor to New York last week. He stopped while here at the Hotel DuVan.

The Colored Odd Fellows have started a campaign to erect a building for the use of their order on the site of their present holdings at 234-244 West 135th Street. \$150,000 is the estimated amount needed. The building is to be a seven story structure and modern in every respect.

The Young People's Forward movement held a public meeting last Sunday at the Washington Memorial Presbyterian Church last Sunday afternoon. Addresses were made by C. C. Allison, Jr., C. Bich Jones, and Prince L. Edmonds, State Secretary of Industries for Negroes.

The fourth annual musicale of the choir of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church was given last Thursday evening.



HON. EDWARD OSGOOD BROWN

President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, member of the Illinois Race Commission, who will at all times stand for right and justice for the colored race.

A large gathering was present. The opera "Joan of Arc" was produced. Mme. Marie Barrier Houston sang Joan, Mr. T. Arthur Gainer was Philip; Mr. T. A. Nelsons was Robert de Baudricourt and Mr. Clifford Meyers was Jean de Novelonpont. The singing was of an exceptionally high order. Some of the prominent white singers of New York heard the opera and commented favorably on the ability of the colored artists. Lorenzo F. Dyer was the director and Granville Johnson was at the organ.

HARRISON FERRELL TESTIMONIAL A SPLENDID SUCCESS.

Long before the hour set for beginning the program last Tuesday evening, people began arriving at Grace Presbyterian Church afoot and by taxi; so that when the first number was announced, a large audience had assembled and in a short time, what might be termed a capacity house greeted the Chicago Music Association in its first big effort at making somebody happy. The occasion was a testimonial to Harrison H. Ferrell, Jr., one of Chicago's youngest and most talented musicians, who has been ill several months with infantile paralysis.

There were seventeen numbers on the program, mostly classic and all contributed by Chicago's best talent. Time and space will not permit individual criticism, but suffice it to say that each one gave of his or her best, and as no encores were permitted, the program went off without in any way becoming tiresome.

Each performer was greeted upon his or her appearance with a round of applause which left no doubt in the minds of any one as to the appreciation which Chicago holds for its own. At the close of the program, the audience seemed in no way to have lost its enthusiasm.

During the intermission remarks were made by Miss Estella C. Bonds, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, thanking the audience, the artists and all who contributed toward the success of the affair. She introduced Miss Abby E. Lane, Principal of Carter School of which young Ferrell was a pupil.

Miss Lane spoke in the highest terms of the love and esteem in which he is held by teachers and pupils and paid a high tribute to his excellent character and pronounced talents.

A large number of tickets were disposed through the efforts of Miss Lane. Too much credit cannot be given Miss Bonds, and Mrs. Martha Mitchell, Chairman of the Program Committee for their untiring efforts in the interest of this movement.

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## Charles E. Stump Continues to Tear All Over the Country Like Unto a Real Mad Man.

## It Will Do the Readers of This Paper Much Good to Read This Rambling Letter.

Chicago, Ill.—It is raining in Chicago like it was in Texas, and the people can not stop it, but they have been able to stop some other things around about this man's town that they could not stop in other places, and now things are normal here and every fellow is attending to his business.

Of course you heard about an election recently, and Kentucky placed itself on record as a Republican state, and they will have a Republican Governor in the future. We will all take our hats off to Kentucky, and I shall not say more about it just now, but may have something to say about it in a few days.

What have you been doing since I saw you last? What wind has been blowing your way without blowing you away? Whose life have you touched or good? Believe me, honey, I have seen some good and will go some more before this thing is over, for going seems to be a part of my name.

Last week, down in Oklahoma, looking at some of the ballot battles being fought there in an annual conference, where delegates were being elected to the next general conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Where men will contend for the mastery and where some will be elected and some will be left out. I told you some of the things which had happened, and some of the men have already been elected to the episcopacy, and to general offices so far as some of the votes of the conferences are concerned, but permit me to tell them that this is not election, and they will have a long way to go, for it is "Long, long way to election, and long ways to go."

It was a pleasure to get around in Tulsa, and to see the great things being done there for the race. There needs to be much done for this race and by this race, before it is ended, and as I see it now it is not going to end.

Now perhaps you want to know where I have been and what I have been doing since I saw you last, and if you do I will tell you as much as I think you ought to know and what you ought not to know am not going to tell you.

I left Tulsa, and beat it to Wichita, Kansas. Mrs. J. W. Hughes sent me a fine eating lunch by Miss Blanch Woodford, and believe me, honey, I certainly did get on the outside of it, as I rode along the road, making it to town, and when I got to Wichita, Dr. J. R. Ransom had some duck cooked in the latest duck style, and believe me, it found its way to my eternity. I had the pleasure of seeing that new temple which has been erected by the Rev. Dr. S. B. Butler, who is some man, believe me, honey. I was delighted to look upon it, and to behold the man. They have not furnished the auditorium, but when it is furnished it will be some pumpkin and don't you forget it. He has a fine wife, who is some church worker herself, and an ideal woman for a preacher's wife. I believe she was made to order, just like Mrs. J. R. Ransom.

I didn't get to see so many people. I attended the service in the A. M. E. Church, and heard a sermon by Charles Stewart, and left that night with him for Topeka. Dr. Ransom rode the same wagon, and we enjoyed the time asleep.

Topeka was reached and there I found two boys from the Topeka Industrial and Educational Institute, awaiting me, with the automobile. I was received by President Bridgeforth, right into his home, and now you know I am getting to be some pumpkin, when I am received into the home of the president of a big school. He shook my lily black hand, and told me to be at home with him and his family, and was surprised when I told him I was going to leave that very day for another part of the world. He said then he would make good use of my trip there, and he did. I had to make some scattering remarks to the students, eat some, and talk with the president.

I visited every class room, observed the work of the teachers, went into every department, and saw what was going on there, and I tell you this institution is going to be just what it was called in the opening—"Western Tuskegee." Prof. Bridgeforth is a good president, and is getting things well in hand. He has the confidence of the officials of the state, hence he is able to do good work, and is doing it. I feel like telling you many things at this writing, but will refrain from doing so. I feel like discussing each teacher and work done, and how they do it. I have observed.

I wanted to get back to the Farmers' meeting, but things are not like they used to be, hence I could not get back. But I moved along, and perhaps some time there will be a change and I can make it. It is nice to see just how well these people are doing their work and how they are following their leader. I was delighted to have the pleasure of shaking hands with Mrs. Perry, the wife of Dr. Perry. She is down there doing extension work. Her position takes her all over the state. She was as busy as busy could be. She is polite, courteous, and knows how to treat even an old country boy like me, and I want to congratulate Kansas on

being able to get such a woman. She is the right sort in the right place. She belongs in the Amen corner in a national work.

The day was spent there and in the afternoon, after talking with Mrs. John M. Wright, over the hotel box I beat it to Kansas City, Mo., spending a few hours there, and took supper with Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, and got on the wagon and rode down to Carrollton, Mo., where I had been invited by the Rev. L. W. Harris last September to come and meet the people.

I went there and I met the people. First I visited the school, found three busy teachers, with Prof. Smith, as principal. He certainly did give me some fried chicken, which I got on the outside of, and Mrs. Corinne Bodine furnished me with a piece of smooth-skinned chicken, and then to meet the people. The crowd was small, but enthusiastic.

The leading grocery of our people is run by Clarence Reed, and believe me, when I tell you that he needs to go to some business school and learn a little about courtesy, politeness, and how to make good and to answer questions. So many of our people do not know this, and especially will it apply to this brother of the race to which I have the distinguished honor of belonging, and helping to make. I have not touched that little knowledge lump of my yet. Success, prosperity and money have gone to his brains, and he now has a bad case of the big head, but if he will take this prescription I feel that it will cure him, and he will have even greater success: "Take with care a large dose of common sense, three times a day."

Back to Kansas City, where I spent a whole day, and had the pleasure of coming in touch with Pastor Griffin of the First A. M. E. Church, and found him to be a real busy man.

Mrs. Norine Davis, Grand Worthy Councilor of the Calanthe was getting ready to make a trip to a board meeting, and Grand Chancellor Thompson, M. D., was a busy man. I took one meal with Mrs. Davis, and it was good. She is some cook. Her daughter is now doing work down in Oklahoma. She is at the Langston University, and I am told doing good work.

I went to the undertaking establishment of Young Nathan W. Thatcher, who is fixed for doing business, and associated with him is one of the most noted men in the business in this country, R. C. Houston, Jr., and believe me, honey, he knows his business. A few hours or minutes at least were spent in the High School, but I am going to give a whole letter to that. Took lunch with Dr. and Mrs. Griffin, talked with a number of friends, and then I took it over town, got myself together, found me a bed and beat it to Chicago, but will soon be away from here. This is all I am going to say about things just now.

CHARLES E. STUMP.

## THE NATIONAL SITUATION.

By Beauregard F. Moseley.

## Recent Elections.

The election of Tuesday, November 4th resulted in a satisfactory gain for the Republican Party, and an indicator to all parties and persons, of 1920's results. Of course, there have been times in this country when all of these signs went away by mistakes that are sometimes born of the conclusion that these signs produce, in the minds of party leaders, just as in the campaign previous to the election of Grover Cleveland and Woodrow Wilson. Signs all pointed to a Republican victory, and so convinced the leaders, that they ignored the advice of the rank and file, and foisted their will instead of the people upon the rank and file of party voters, resulting in defeat, bitter and devastating, from which we have not as yet recovered. Already there are symptoms of a recurrence of these errors.

There are perhaps a dozen or more good men who might be nominated for the presidency, but can they win? Have they ever run for office and had their lives exposed as they have lived them? Does the voter know all that will be told about them in the heat of a campaign, and when told will it affect their running qualities? How do they stand upon the great questions affecting the country, labor, League of Nations, the Negro voter and his so-called problem? These are questions that must be considered before a nominee is presented, that will command the support of the rank and file of the Republican Party in 1920.

A vote was recently taken in Congress in which a certain military man secured, according to the announcement of the poll by the paper taking it, the Congressional choice for president, and yet no one, not even the Congressmen, know anything about the candidate other than his military record. He may possess qualities that overshadow all other aspirants, but who knows how he stands on the great questions heretofore referred to? What is his attitude upon a budget system for the nation? What does he think about the rights of men, based upon the Constitution, when most of his duties require the suspension of



MADAM E. AZALIA HACKLEY

The noted musical director, who has been confined to the home of her sister, Mrs. Smith of Detroit, Mich., and just as soon as her health will permit she will start on a tour to Washington, D. C., and other cities in the east.

constitutional rights? What is his known attitude toward the League of Nations? How does he stand with the colored vote, which will be a great factor in carrying the close north, west and middle west states? These questions had best be answered before the popular choice of Congress is presented to the electorate of the country, for while Massachusetts re-elected Governor Coolidge, Kentucky elected Governor Morrow, Massachusetts was a Republican state; Kentucky, a Democratic one, Massachusetts voted to sustain the Governor in his attitude toward the right of labor to strike; Kentucky elected Morrow because of his attitude against the League of Nations, and put over with him, a referendum vote against any League, while Massachusetts supported the idea of a League with reservations. This shows the necessity of knowing fully, the man, his policies and attitude toward all men and measures affecting the life of the citizen, and the destiny of the country.

A strong, well-known man is required, and we strongly suspect that he lives in Illinois, and is now presiding over the destinies of her citizens in a capital not far removed from the tomb of the immortal Lincoln.

## Negro Bolsheviks.

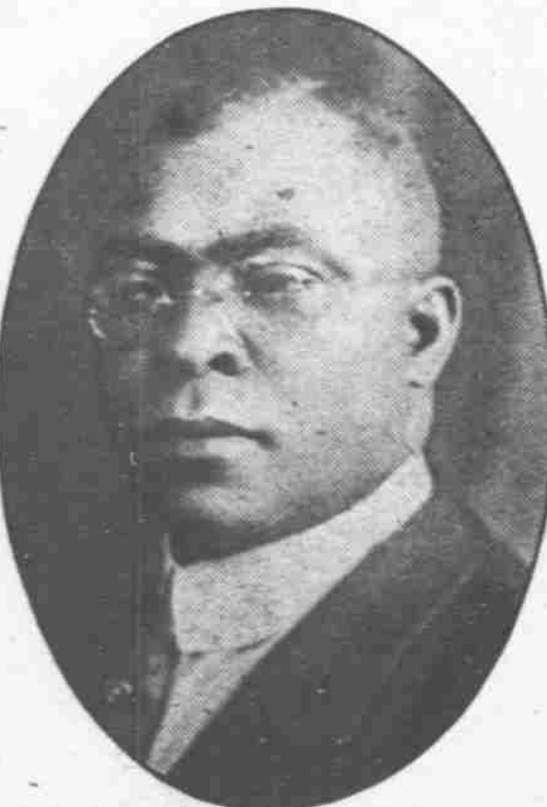
Some years ago Mayor Wm. Hale Thompson addressed a large convocation of people at one of the colored churches in Chicago and said: "I am convinced that no reception has ever been given to me by a greater band of patriots than this one accorded me at this time by you men and women of the south side. Think of it: a flag in every hand, and every hand that of a patriot." This was no doubt true, and had been for many years before he uttered it, for up until that time, the Negro race had not succeeded in producing any I. W. W.'s, radicals, syndicalists, anarchists or Bolsheviks, and perhaps it is the production of some of these that is assisting to create trouble between the races for the Negro in this country.

The Government seems to have given the question of Negro tendencies toward socialism, radicalism and syndicalism some consideration, and in one of the daily papers of the country, a partial report was made revealing sedition among the Negro masses. Several Negro newspapers were mentioned as being extremely radical and against the existing rule of law and order. The Negro is making a sad mistake, when he departs from the simple faith of the fathers, and attempts to secure greater rights by becoming actively or passively a believer in, or member of

## Politics.

The political situation has clarified somewhat, and we now find that most of the states are presenting candidates for consideration in the next presidential election. The recent election has disclosed a wonderful field of starters, and no doubt a free-for-all fight will ensue. Morrow, of Kentucky, has shown wonderful possibilities for Kentucky, the home of Henry Clay and other notables for repudiating the League of Nations by a referendum vote, being the only state in which that issue was put up to the people, making Morrow a strong possible entry into the Presidential derby. Illinois is standing by her first choice, however, and will present to the Convention, which in all probabilities will be held in Chicago, not only her favorite son, but the favorite of all true Republicans who wish to see the nominee elected and the country redeemed, for the party has a greater asset as a candidate than in any other, so far mentioned.

Every effort is being put forth by Rev. G. B. McDaniels to make the Enterprise Institute, 516 Aldine Square, one of the best of its kind. We join the Rev. in wishing him much success.



DR. WALTER N. THOMAS

One of the very best and most popular doctors in this city, who successfully rescued Mrs. Julius F. Taylor from the jaws of death.



PROF. JAMES A. MUNDY

Voice, Repertory, Aesthetics, Choirmaster Bethel A. M. E. Church, Director of Morris Glee Club, Conductor of Community Singing, who will conduct the grand chorus of three hundred voices in the masque of Colored America at Orchestra Hall, Wednesday, November 19.